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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *07 February 2006*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☐ Claim(s) *1-30* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-30* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see appeal brief , filed February 7, 2006, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-30 under 35 USC § 102 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Chu (2002/0116531).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

> Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 13-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

As per claims 13-24 states "computer-readable medium" and applicant's disclosure per ([0033]) "The computer readable medium can comprise any one of many physical media such as, for example, electronic, magnetic, optical, electromagnetic, infrared, or semiconductor media" Infrared media is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chu (2002/0116531).

As per claim 1, Chu discloses a method for coordinating sessions, comprising: providing, from a second server, a second session interface to a client, the second session interface having instructions to send second association data to a third server; and ([0046])

communicating , from the second server, with the third server to identify activity related to a first session interface utilizing the association data, the first session interface having been previously provided to the client from a first server; ([0014],[0046], [0057])

As per claims 2, 6, 14 and 18, Chu discloses the method of claim 1, further comprising performing a specified task in relation to the second session interface in accordance with the identified activity. ([0059])

As per claims 3 and 15, Chu discloses the method of claim 1, wherein the second association data includes a client identifier and a session identifier associated with the second session interface, ([0046]) and wherein the act of identifying comprises:

identifying, at the third server, other association data containing the client identifier included in the association data ([0047-0048],[0059])

identifying a session identifier included in the other association data, the session identifier included in the other association data being associated with the first session interface; and ([0047-0048],[0059])

identifying activity related to the first session interface associated with the identified session identifier included in the other association data. ([0046])

As per claims 4 and 16, Chu discloses the method of claim 1, wherein the act of providing comprises providing a second web page having instructions to request a web bug sending association data containing a cookie and a second URL for the second web page to the third server; ([0011])

wherein the act of identifying comprises:

identifying, at the third server, other association data containing the cookie; ([0047-0048],[0059])

from the other association data, identifying a first URL for the first session interface, the first session interface being a first web page previously provided to the client; and ([0047-0048],[0059])

identifying activity related to the previously provided web page utilizing the first URL. ([0046])

As per claims 5 and 17, Chu discloses a method for coordinating sessions, comprising:

providing, from a first server, a first session interface to a client, the first session interface having instructions to send first association data to a third server; the client sending the first association data to the third server; ([0040],[0046])

providing, from a second server, a second session interface to the client, the second session interface having instructions to send second association data to the third server; ([0014],[0047])

the client sending the second association data to the third server; and

communicating, from the second server, with the third server, utilizing the first and second association data to identify activity related to the first session interface. ([0014], [0057])

As per claims 7 and 19, Chu discloses the method of claim 5, wherein the first association data includes a client identifier and a first session identifier associated with the first session interface and the second association data includes the client

identifier and a second session identifier associated with the second session interface; and wherein the acts of sending the first and second association data include adding the first association data as an entry to an association table and adding the second association data and an entry to the association table. ([0047])

As per claims 8 and 20, Chu discloses the method of claim 7, wherein the act of communicating comprises communicating with the third server to:

identify the client identifier in an entry in the association table containing the session identifier associated with the second session interface; ([0047],[0059])

identify other entries in the association table containing that client identifier; and ([0047],[0059])

identify from those entries the session identifier associated with the first session interface; wherein the session identifier associated with the first session interface is capable of being used to identify the activity related to the first session interface. ([0047],[0059])

As per claims 9 and 21, Chu discloses the method of claim 8, wherein the first session interface is a first web page, the second session interface is a second web page; the client identifier is a cookie, the session identifier associated with the first web page is an URL for that web page, and the session identifier associated with the second web page is an URL for the second web page, ([0047]) and wherein:

the act of communicating with the third server to identify the client identifier comprises providing the URL for the second session interface and querying the association table for the cookie in an entry containing the provided URL; ([0057],[0059])

the act of communicating with the third server to identify other entries comprises identifying other entries containing the cookie; and ([0057],[0059])

the act of communicating with the third server to identify from those entries comprises identifying the entry containing the URL for the first session interface. ([0057],[0059])

As per claims 10 and 22, Chu discloses the method of claim 5, wherein the acts of providing the first and second session interfaces comprise providing a framed web page having a first frame for displaying the first session interface and a second frame for displaying the second session interface; ([0051],[0052])

wherein the act of sending the first association data comprises the client sending a cookie and a first URL for the first session interface to the third server; and wherein the act of sending the second association data comprises the client sending the cookie and a second URL for the second session interface to the third server. ([0047])

As per claims 11 and 23, Chu discloses the method of claim 10, further comprising saving the cookie and the first URL as one entry in an association table and saving the cookie and the second URL as another entry in the association table; ([0047]) and wherein the act of utilizing the first and second association data comprises:

providing the URL for the second session interface and querying the association table for the cookie in an entry containing the provided URL; ([0057],[0059])

identifying other entries containing the cookie; from those entries, identifying the entry containing the first URL; and identifying activity relating to the first session interface using the first URL. ([0057],[0059])

As per claims 12 and 24, Chu discloses a session coordinating method, comprising:

providing a first web page having instructions to request a web bug; requesting the web bug sending a cookie and an URL for the first web page; providing a second web page having instructions to request the web bug; requesting the web bug sending the cookie and an URL for the second web page; ([0040], [0046])

saving the cookie and the URL for the first web page as an entry in an association table; saving the cookie and the URL for the second web page as an entry in the association table; ([0047])

providing the URL for the second web page, querying the association table for the cookie in the entry containing the URL for the second web page; ([0047])

As per claims 25, 27 and 30, Chu discloses a system for coordinating sessions, comprising:

a first responder operable, from a first server, to provide a first session interface to a client, the first session interface having instructions to send first association data to

an association server, the first association data containing a client identifier and a first session identifier for the first session interface; ([0011], [0040], [0046]-[0047])

a second responder operable, from a second server, to provide a second session interface to the client, the second session interface having instructions to send second association data to the association server, the second association data containing the client identifier and a second session identifier for the second session interface; ([0011], [0040], [0046]-[0047])

the association server operable to receive the association data, save the association data in an association table, and receive queries for the association table; ([0047])

an association table interface in communication with the association server and operable to access and provide association data from the association table according to a received query; and ([0057],[0059])

an association service in communication with the second responder and the association server and operable, from the second server, to provide the session identifier and to query the association server for a session identifier for the first session interface. ([0057], [0059])

As per claims 26 and 28, Chu discloses the system of claim 27, wherein:

the first responder is further operable to provide the first session interface in the form of a first web page; the second responder is further operable to provide the second session interface in the form of a second web page; ([0059]_

the client identifier is a cookie, the first session identifier is a first URL for the first web page, and the second session identifier is a second URL for the second web page; the association server is further operable to save the cookie and the first URL, when received, as an entry in the association table and save the cookie and the second URL, when received, as another entry in the association table; ([0047], [0057],[0059])

the association service is further operable to provide the second URL and query the association service for the first URL; ([0061]-[0062])

the association table interface is further operable to identify the entry in the association table containing the second URL, identify the cookie in that entry, locate another entry containing the same cookie, and return the first URL from that located entry to the association service. ([0047], [0059])

As per claim 29, please see the discussion under claims 27 and 28 as they relate to the same subject matter.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chirag R. Patel whose telephone number is (571)272-7966. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 7:30AM to 4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia, can be reached on (571) 272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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